

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2471. A bill to regulate the transmission of personally identifiable information to foreign affiliates and subcontractors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2472. A bill to require that notices to consumers of health and financial services include information on the outsourcing of sensitive personal information abroad, to require relevant Federal agencies to prescribe regulations to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive personal information outsourced abroad, to establish requirements for foreign call centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 366. A resolution supporting May 2004 as National Better Hearing and Speech Month and commending those States that have implemented routine hearing screenings for every newborn before the newborn leaves the hospital; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 367. A resolution honoring the life of Mildred McWilliams "Millie" Jeffrey (1910-2004) and her contributions to her community and to the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 557

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, *supra*.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1368, a bill to authorize

the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to ensure that prescription drug benefits offered to medicare eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to enrollees under the plan generally.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1420

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1420, a bill to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal land by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such land.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to establish and strengthen postsecondary programs and courses in the subjects of traditional American history, free institutions, and Western civilization, available to students preparing to teach these subjects, and to other students.

S. 1721

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1721, a bill to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes.

S. 1883

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1883, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide greater access for residents of frontier areas to the healthcare services provided by community health centers.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2176

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2176, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing.

S. 2270

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 2271

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2271, a bill to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2283

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2283, a bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

S. 2302

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

S. 2305

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to authorize programs that support economic and political development in the Greater Middle East and Central Asia and support for three new multilateral institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2351

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2351, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2363, a bill to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2389

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2389, a bill to require the withholding of United States contributions to the United Nations until the President certifies that the United Nations is cooperating in the investigation of the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program.

S. 2411

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2411, a bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to provide financial assistance for the improvement of the health and safety of firefighters, promote the use of life saving technologies, achieve greater equity for departments serving large jurisdictions, and for other purposes.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow for improved administration of new shipper administrative reviews.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2449, a bill to require congressional renewal of trade and travel restrictions with respect to Cuba.

S. CON. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 81, a concurrent resolution expressing the deep concern of Congress regarding the failure of the Islamic Republic of Iran to adhere to its obligations under a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the engagement by Iran in activities that appear to be designed to develop nuclear weapons.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 81, *supra*.

S. CON. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 90, a concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of the Congress regarding negotiating, in the United States-Thailand Free Trade Agreement, access to the United States automobile industry.

S. RES. 221

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 221, a resolution recognizing National Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the importance and accomplishments of historically Black colleges and universities.

S. RES. 357

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 357, a resolution designating the week of August 8 through August 14, 2004, as "National Health Center Week".

AMENDMENT NO. 3170

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and

the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3170 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3171

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3171 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3196

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3196 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3204

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3204 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida):

S. 2451. A bill to amend the agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to restore the application date for country of origin labeling; read the first time.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, today the Washington Post reported that the United States Department of Agriculture secretly allowed American meatpackers to resume imports of ground and processed beef from Canada last September, just weeks after Secretary Veneman publicly reaffirmed the Department's ban on such importation as a result of mad cow disease being found in Canadian-born cattle.

The article states that a total of 33 million pounds of Canadian processed

beef came into the United States and went straight to American consumers under a series of undisclosed permits USDA issued to the meatpackers.

This is how today's article describes Secretary Veneman's public position last August:

She and her top deputies said ground beef imports would resume only after the agency completed a formal rulemaking process, with public debate.

There was no public debate. Instead, there were undisclosed permits allowing banned Canadian beef in the United States.

Not only am I extremely concerned that the Department of Agriculture deceived American consumers by allowing the import of Canadian beef that was previously banned, but I am also disappointed that the Bush administration is actually working to prevent American consumers from knowing where the food they buy comes from.

That is why I am introducing a bill today that will require USDA to implement country-of-origin labeling on schedule this September. That was the date agreed upon in the Farm Bill which the President signed into law in 2002.

Unfortunately, at the urging of the Bush administration and the large meatpackers—most likely the same people who urged USDA to issue permits to allow the importation of banned Canadian meat products—Republican leaders in Congress inserted language into last year's omnibus appropriations bill in the dead of night delaying implementation of country-of-origin labeling for 2 years until September 2006.

The bill I am introducing today is what the Senate has voted to do several times: Inform consumers about the origin of their food.

Over 80 percent of American consumers have said they want to know the country of origin of their food, and over 170 groups representing over 50 million Americans support mandatory food labeling.

We must not allow anyone who may represent special interests, anyone who now abrogates the spirit as well as the letter of the law to choose big business interests over the interests of the average American family. We must ensure consumer confidence, particularly now in light of recent developments. We would have not had the situation of 33 million pounds of banned beef entering the United States if it couldn't have been properly labeled.

This legislation is long overdue. It is time that it become the law of the land.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2451

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,